ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS IN PARKS ON ERNAKULAM FORESHORE—MAINTENANCE OF

206. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the authority responsible for the maintenance of the ornamental lights in the various parks on the Ernakulam foreshore, and the expenditure incurred for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Ernakulam Municipality is responsible for the maintenance of the ornamental lights on the foreshore. The cost comes to Rs. 4,594 per annum. Government are at present giving an annual contribution of Rs. 3,500 to the Municipality for lighting purposes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether this amount is on account of the power used by these lights or for the replacement of broken domes inclusive?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The maintenance cost includes the cost of power used for these lamps and also for the replacement of bulbs.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know how much is spent on account of the energy consumed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Rs. 4,594. It works out at a cost of about 2 annas 6 pies per unit.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—RECEIPTS FROM FOREIGN LIQUOR AND TOBACCO LICENSES

207. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to inform the amounts realised by way of.

(*i*) foreign liquor licenses;

(*ii*) tobacco licenses from the Malabar Hotel on the Willingdon Island for the years 1114 and 1115?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

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(*i*) Foreign liquor—1114 license fee	75	0	0
Gallonage fees	927	10	6
Total	1,002	10	6
Foreign liquor—1115—license fee	75	0	0
22—3—1115 Gallonage fees (up to)	388	15	6
Do. Total (up to)	463	15	6

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(*ii*) Tobacco—1114 50— 0—0
Do. 1115 50— 0—0

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the question of this license fee was referred to the Government of India?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No. For conducting the hotel this license is necessary and so license fees were collected from the hotel.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to make a definite honest attempt at prohibition, now that the neighbouring districts of British India have introduced it?

Mr. President: That question doesn't arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Especially now-a-days it is the fashion of the day in the neighbouring States.

THOTTUNGAL MARKET—LOCATION OF TODDY SHOP NEAR

208. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be plased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a toddy shop by the side of the Thottungal Market;

(*b*) what is the distance between the shop and the main road;

(*c*) are the Government aware that people are sometimes seen squatting by the side of the road and drinking toddy there;

(*d*) are the Government aware that toddy shops located at such busy centres and so close to the main road are a nuisance to traffic and a danger to the public?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) There is none "by the side of" the market. The one nearest to it is toddy shop No. 23/1115, Vyttila, which is located nearly 200 yards away from the Thottungal Market.

(*b*) The distance from the shop mentioned above to the main road is about 15 yards.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Toddy shops are so located as to avoid causing nuisance to the traffic or danger to the public.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know, Sir, who is responsible for measuring this distance of 15 yards from the shop to the road?

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